

Torrance, California
August 24, 1937

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a
Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance,

California, on Tuesday, August 24, 1937, at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a regular meeting held August 10, 1937 and of the adjourned regular meeting held August 12, 1937 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from D.P. Lewis, Supervisor, Finance & Statistics, Works Progress Administration, regarding loss of United States property from Work Project No. 3271 (Improvements at Municipal Park at Santa Fe Avenue,) and stating that the City of Torrance is responsible for this loss, and requesting payment of \$16.28 to cover same.

Engineer Leonard stated that this matter was brought up several months ago and that he had written a letter in which he pointed out that the United States Inspector checked the equipment in and out and was therefore responsible for any loss.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to again write to the Works Progress Administration in an endeavor to determine why the City of Torrance should be held responsible for this loss. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Communication from the Palos Verdes Home Association regarding the improvement of an extension of Catalina Avenue and Elena Avenue and asking if Torrance is still in favor of the County going ahead with the improvement.

Engineer Leonard stated that this proposed work is entirely within the city limits of Redondo Beach, and that Torrance would bear no part of the expense. He suggested that a letter be written indicating to the Palos Verdes Homes Association that Torrance is interested in this improvement but is not financially concerned.

Mayor Tolson requested the Engineer to write such a letter.

Letter from the State of California Division of Highways, requesting payment of \$117.30, covering salary and car expense of their engineer, P.M. Harris, who inspected asphalt patching on streets in the City of Torrance.

Engineer Leonard explained that Mr. Harris was employed on the Hawthorne Avenue improvement and recommended that the bill be paid.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the bill for \$117.30, covering the employment of Mr. Harris, be paid. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Communication from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California enclosing copy of resolution levying a tax upon taxable property within the district and requesting that the City designate if it elects to pay all or any portion of this tax from municipal funds.

Councilman Deininger moved that the Metropolitan Water District be notified that the City of Torrance does not elect to pay all or any portion of this tax from the General Fund. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Communication from Mr. J.W. Venable of WALTERIA, requesting the City to purchase a 25 foot lot adjoining the WALTERIA Fire Station.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that this communication be filed for further investigation. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Communication from Great American Indemnity Company recommending the placing of a warning sign on the west side of the Torrance Fire Station.

Councilman McGuire moved that a sign be purchased at a reasonable price and installed, to conform with the requirements of the insurance carrier. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce referring to housing shortage and requesting the Council to consider the zoning of an area west of Cedar Avenue exclusively for residential purposes.

Engineer Leonard stated that this matter had been taken up with the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company and that a map had been prepared showing the suggested zoning.

Councilman Deininger said that some of the property is under lease for oil development.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Council, the City Attorney and the City Engineer meet with the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce to go over this proposed zoning, the date of the meeting to be arranged by the City Clerk. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Communication from Torrance Chamber of Commerce regarding a dedicatory dinner for the Administration Building opening, and requesting that a committee from the City Council meet with the Chamber and make arrangements.

Councilman Deininger moved that the Mayor confer with the Chamber of Commerce in this regard. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried.

Communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce regarding selection of representatives to attend dedication of Parker Bridge, September 25 and 26.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the trip be authorized and that those desiring to go notify the City Clerk. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Report from the office of the County Auditor giving valuations of unsecured real and personal property.

The City Clerk advised the Council that only three street assessments remain unpaid in the City of Torrance, stating that there were originally fourteen assessments.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1153

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 1151

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1153 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1154

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 5, AND
REQUESTING THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION
OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE SAME IN CONNECTION
WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ADM.BLDG., P.W.A.
DOCKET 1487-D

Councilman Deininger moved that Resolution No. 1154 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1155

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING TREASURER TO ENTER INTO
CONTRACT RELATIVE TO ACTIVE AND INACTIVE ACCOUNTS

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1155 be adopted. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMAN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1156

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DEED TO
PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY COVERING
PORTION OF LOT "C" OF TRACT 1427

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1156 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented for final reading:

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 296

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FIXING
THE TAX RATES AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1937

Councilman Deininger moved that further reading of Emergency Ordinance No. 296 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Deininger moved that Emergency Ordinance No. 296 be adopted for final reading. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented for final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 297

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 235

Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 297 be dispensed with. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that ordinance No. 297 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented for final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 298

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REGULATING
CAMP CARS AND/OR TRAILERS, AND CAMPS THEREFOR

Councilman Deininger moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 298 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman McGuire moved that Ordinance No. 298 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell brought up the matter of the controversy at the Metropolitan Aqueduct, and the matter was discussed to some extent. Mr. Craig and Mr. Sessions, representing the strikers, addressed the Board with reference to this situation. No action was taken by the Council.

Councilman Hitchcock presented several requests for the removal of trees and moved that the Council meet on Monday, August 30th, at 4:45 p.m. to inspect them. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.


Councilman Hitchcock moved that the trip to the League meeting in San Jose, from September 13 to 16, be approved, those desiring to go to notify the City Clerk. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman McGuire said that three more street cars had been moved in on Cedar Avenue and asked what could be done to remedy this situation. After some discussion, the matter was referred to the City Attorney to report back at the next meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 10:25 p.m., upon motion of Councilman Powell, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned to Monday, August 30, 1937 at 4:45 p.m.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:


Mayor of the City of Torrance.